



Special Holiday News & Updates!



Wishing you and your family a safe and happy Thanksgiving. - *Ray Malnar*

DON'T MISS!

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Thanksgiving Holiday Hours

City of Glendale Offices Will be Closed on Thursday, November 26, and Friday, November 27 in observance of Thanksgiving, as well as the Glendale Main Library and the Glendale Adult Center. All scheduled residential garbage pick-up and recycling will be shifted one day for Thursday (11/26), and Friday (11/27). For more information about the city's sanitation services, call 623-930-2660.

Thanksgiving Day-Thursday, November 26
Thursday (11/26) to Friday (11/27)
Friday (11/27) to Saturday (11/28)

Only Gus Bus One will run, operating on a Sunday schedule from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. For Dial-a-Ride service that day, reservations must be made by noon on Wednesday, November 25, by

calling 623-930-3500. No same-day service on Wednesday will be available. Valley Metro buses will operate on a Sunday schedule.



Announcements

Oh my! This Friday is Black Friday!

Glendale, Ariz. - Where did the year go so fast? It's already beginning to look a lot like the holiday shopping season! Are you ready? We have all seen the commercials, and your mailboxes are probably full of flyers! Black Friday is quickly approaching. Maybe you are already planning your routes and favorite stores to hit to get the best deals in town and grab that photo with Santa! Can you guess who else is planning their Black Friday

experience? That would be your local bad elves, aka thieves! You can be assured the Glendale Police Department will be out on Black Friday and throughout the holiday shopping season diligently working to spot them and stop them from taking that new LED TV and Apple Watch you just bought and placing them under their Christmas tree!

We also want you to be prepared knowing tips on how you can prevent those bad elves from spoiling your holiday celebrations. The Glendale Police Department wants everyone to be alert, patient and mindful of safety. The holidays can be a stressful and busy time. We have all seen Christmas Vacation and know what it can be like sometimes! However, it can also be a special, wonderful time with family and friends. Let us offer some crime prevention tips to help keep the holidays safe and enjoyable for you and your entire family!

Holiday Safety Shopping Tips

- Lock packages and other valuables in the trunk before you park and never after you park. Those bad elves may be watching not far away.
- Don't try to be like a super hero and overload yourself carrying lots of packages. You will make yourself an easy target for bad elves.
- Be stealthy! Especially, in large shopping centers like malls. Once you get two or three packages, take them to your car and secure them in the trunk. Next, get in the car and drive to a different location in the parking lot, so it appears as if you are leaving. Reenter the shopping mall in a different location.
- Shop during daylight hours. If possible, and especially at night, shop in groups of two or more. Make it a fun girls' or guys' day out! Bad elves are more likely to approach people who are alone.
- If you are elderly and alone, ask for an escort to your vehicle. There are employees eager to help you.
- If you have to shop at night, park in well-lighted areas, as close as possible to store entrances.
- This is one simple tip most frequently forgotten! Don't forget to LOCK your car and make sure the windows are closed.
- Carry only the debit or credit cards you will need or use Apple Pay on your phone. Don't carry large sums of cash.
- Carry purses next to your body with the purse flap against you. Carry wallets in front or inside pockets.
- Be aware of your surroundings, walk confidently like a super hero and look people in the eye. Bad elves are looking for people who are not paying attention and are distracted from their purse, wallet or packages.
- Don't hesitate to notify store security or police if you see suspicious activity or someone that looks like a suspicious bad elf.
- If you are a victim of a crime, call 911 to report it police immediately.

Downtown Glendale Shopping Offers Alternative To Black Friday Frenzy And Great Deals.

Want to get your holiday shopping started without all the rush of Black Friday? Head to Downtown Glendale on Friday, Nov. 27 to leisurely browse the specialty shops and boutiques for unique gift ideas.

Not only can shoppers have a more relaxing experience, but several businesses are offering specials on the landmark shopping day. And, there is an added bonus for shoppers: when night falls, the downtown area lights up with 1.5 million lights and a bevy of holiday entertainment at the Glendale Glitters Spectacular Weekend, from 5-10 p.m.

If you're inclined to extend your shopping experience into the weekend, head to Downtown Glendale on Saturday and support a national initiative called Small Business Saturday. This program was designed to encourage shoppers to spend their dollars with locally-owned small businesses, which will in turn stimulate the local economy.

Small Business Saturday: A #hashtag contest. Each person will receive the "secret" #hashtag code with purchase. By posting something with it on FB, Twitter, or Instagram they will be entered in a contest to win a Family (4) pack of Single Ice Cream Cones.

Tangled Root Botanicals 5750 W. Glendale Ave. 480-299-4189 Black Friday: Free Tea from 6 pm Friday and Saturday evenings throughout Glendale Glitters
Small Business Saturday: Free Tea on Small Business Saturday. Stop by Tangled Root Botanicals to sample the seasonal blends. Collecting blankets throughout the month of November and December for Project Hope.

Your Art Party 7146 N. 57th Drive 623-889-1677 Black Friday: A booth for children to write a letter to Santa, \$5 open paint and a contest. Small Business Saturday: A booth for children to write a letter to Santa, \$5 open paint and a \$30 Christmas class and discounts on gift cards. Offers and discounts subject to change. See store for details.

Finally, if you are looking for something special for that hard-to-shop-for person on your list, why not give them something they won't see coming - the gift of Glendale! The city has compiled a list of unique gift ideas such as dedicating a tree in someone's name, making a donation to the city's From the Heart fund, or registering them for a special interest class. For the complete list of ideas and where to purchase, visit www.glendaleaz.com/glendalegifts.

For additional information on shopping in downtown Glendale for Black Friday or Small Business Saturday, call the Visitor Center at 623-930-4500 or check out www.visitglendale.com.

Glendale Events

Whether it's Glendale Glitters or other Signature Festivals and Events, the City of Glendale is your holiday destination. Bring the family and enjoy all that Glendale has to offer this holiday season!

Glendale Announces Special Guests Kurt & Brenda Warner For Countdown To Glendale Glitters November 27.



GLENDALE, Ariz. - The city of Glendale is pleased to announce that Kurt and Brenda Warner will be the special guests that will help light up the city during the Countdown to Glendale Glitters Show on Nov. 27 at 5:30 p.m. This year, the event's theme will be 'a few of my favorite holiday things,' and following an entertaining stage show, the Warners will help the Mayor and City Council flip the switch on 1.5 million lights throughout downtown Glendale.

Kurt Warner is best known for his success on the football field as a former NFL quarterback and Super Bowl MVP. After a successful 12-year career, Warner retired from football in 2010 and is an analyst for the NFL Network. Warner is also well known for his work off the field, as a philanthropist and a man of faith.

He and his wife Brenda, parents to seven children, created the First Things First Foundation in 2001, which serves as a vehicle for them to reach out to the community and share their blessings with those in need. Brenda Warner is a former US Marine, New York Times best-selling author, and passionate philanthropist. She has toured the country as a featured speaker for Women of Faith Christian Women's Conference, and shared her unbelievable story with thousands. Warner has shared her vision of a safe and loving home for people with disabilities to create Treasure House. Treasure House is part of Aspera, a mixed-use master planned campus located along the Loop 101 and 75th Avenue in Glendale. This unique development on 76 acres will include health care services from Banner Health, a senior housing complex and a fitness club. Treasure House, founded by the Warners, along with partners Don and Kim Cardon, is a vocational, recreational, social and educational live-in facility for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities that is expected to be completed in the spring of 2016.

The "Countdown to Glendale Glitters" begins with festive, holiday entertainment for the 30-minute show, between 5:30 and 6 p.m., featuring local performers including: 76th Street, Fiesta Mexicana Dance Company, On Stage Dance Academy and the Arizona Twirling Athletes, with a spectacular fire show to "A Marshmallow Christmas."

The complete lineup of entertainment for both days opening weekend will include:

Friday, Nov. 27:

5:30 p.m. Countdown to Glendale Glitters Stage Show

6:30 p.m. Fiesta Mexicana Dance Co.

7:15 p.m. Marilyn's Academy of Dance

8:15 p.m. Oasis Dance

9:15 p.m. On Stage Dance

Saturday, Nov. 28:

5:00 p.m. Academy of Classic Ballet

6:00 p.m. Dance Academy North

7:00 p.m. Central Community Choir

8:00 Take Five Dance Academy

9:00 Peoria Performance Dance

The glittering magic of Glendale's holiday display remains lit nightly through Jan. 9, from 5-11 p.m. each evening. Historic Downtown Glendale is located at 58th and Glendale avenues. For more information, call the Special Event Hotline at 623-930-2299 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/events.

Glendale Glitters is sponsored by APS, Valley Buick-GMC Dealers, Cerreta Candy Company, Arizona Republic, ABC15 - KNXV, KMLE, KOOL, Live 101.5, Glendale Community College, Eternal Waters and Camelback Ranch-Glendale. Free Shuttles sponsored by Blue Cross® Blue Shield® of Arizona*

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For more information, check out our events page:
<http://www.glendaleaz.com/events/index.cfm>

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